

California Arts Day

Ideas for schools and teachers



- Perform. Have students perform in one or more of the performing art forms--music, dance, and theatre.
- Show. Create an exhibition of student work.
- Decorate. Add some color to the school with a Chalk Arts Festival on the playground or artwork on walls throughout the school.
- Introduce. Have a "Career in the Arts" day, and invite artists and arts administrators to speak to students about their jobs.
- Challenge. Hold a talent show. Include poetry in spoken format.
- Explore. Lead students in a creative writing exercise in the classroom or incorporate creativity through other arts forms like drama, music or dance.
- Visit. Go on a field trip to a museum or an arts center in the community.
- Demonstrate. Schedule an artist or performing arts company to do a workshop, demonstration or performance at the school.
- Incorporate. Integrate creative writing, drama, music, dance and visual arts into non-arts classes*.

* Suggestions available from the Visual and Performing Arts Standards and Framework from the California State Board of Education at www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/index.asp . To obtain a hard copy of the standards, visit www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/orderinfo.asp or call 800-995-4099.

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